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APPLICANT: CLAUD SCHIERZ ET AL-1 (PCT)
SERIAL NO: 09/600,847 EXAMINER: A. THOMAS
FILED: July 24, 2000 GROUP: 1772
TITLE: BEARING MAT FOR SUPPORTING AN EXHAUST GAS CATALYST

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATTN: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's First Office Action dated JULY 9, 2003 with the time for response being extended by four months or until JANUARY 9, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.